

Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)
Division of Building and Fire Regulation
Code Change Process

DHCD has partnered with the International Code Council (ICC) to customize a code development system for Virginia (cdpVA) similar to the ICC system, cdpACCESS. More information is available on the cdpVA site, which is accessed from the 2015 code change webpage. (https://av.iccsafe.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=va-cdp&WebCode=LoginRequired&URL_success=https://va.cdpaccess.com/?Token={Token})

cdpVA (Code development process Virginia)

- New for the 2015 codes!
- Online system for submitting code change proposals

Virginia's building and fire codes are state regulations, and as such, a formal process is used to update them to the latest model codes and standards. That process can be tracked on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall (<http://townhall.virginia.gov/>).

Virginia Regulatory Town Hall

- Tracks the entire code change process
- Includes dates for public hearings and public comment periods
- Provides links to the publication of the proposed and final stages of the regulation in the Virginia Register

Workgroups

- DHCD uses workgroups to facilitate client group interaction during the code change process.
- Workgroups determine if proposals have consensus support or should receive full review by the Board of Housing and Community Development
- Workgroup meetings and agendas for the 2015 code change process can be found on the 2015 code change process webpage.

The Board of Housing and Community Development meetings and agendas are also maintained on the 2015 code change process webpages.

DHCD also posts important notices and dates from Town Hall on the 2015 code change process webpage for convenience, but the full process and official information is maintained on Town Hall.

A flow chart is provided below to show the Code development process from commencement to completion.

Questions or inquiries may be directed to staff of the State Building Codes Office at sbco@dhcd.virginia.gov, or by calling (804) 371-7150.

Flow Chart for the Development of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, the Virginia Industrialized Building Safety Regulations and the Virginia Amusement Device Regulations

